



## **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

### **Office of Workers' Compensation Programs**

#### **Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health**

**AGENCY:** Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory board charter renewal.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Labor will renew the Charter of the Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health (Board) for two years. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with section 3687 of Pub. L. 106-398, which was added by section 3141(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2015, Executive Order 13699 (June 26, 2015), and the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. app. 2) and its implementing regulations issued by the General Services Administration (GSA), the Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health was established on July 2, 2015. The current Charter was signed on June 28, 2019 and expires on June 27, 2021. Pursuant to FACA, Section 14(b)(2), the Secretary of Labor will renew the Charter for two years. The Charter renewal allows the Board to continue its operations. The Board advises the Secretary of Labor (Secretary) with respect to: 1) the Site Exposure Matrices (SEM) of the Department of Labor; 2) medical guidance for claims examiners for claims with the EEOICPA program, with respect to the weighing of the medical evidence of claimants; 3) evidentiary requirements for claims under Part B of EEOICPA related to lung disease; 4) the work of industrial

hygienists and staff physicians and consulting physicians of the Department of Labor and reports of such hygienists and physicians to ensure quality, objectivity, and consistency; 5) the claims adjudication process generally, including review of procedure manual changes prior to incorporation into the manual and claims for medical benefits; and 6) such other matters as the Secretary considers appropriate. The Board, when necessary, coordinates exchanges of data and findings with the Department of Health and Human Services' Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health.

Membership of the Board currently consists of 12 members appointed by the Secretary, who also appointed a Chair. Pub. L. 106-398, Section 3687(a)(3). Pursuant to Section 3687(a)(2), membership is balanced and includes members from the scientific, medical and claimant communities. The members serve two-year terms. At the discretion of the Secretary, members may be appointed to successive terms or removed at any time. The Board meets no less than twice per year.

The Board reports to the Secretary of Labor. As specified in Section 3687(i), the Board shall terminate ten (10) years after the date of the enactment of the NDAA, which was December 19, 2014. Thus, the Board shall terminate on December 19, 2024.

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<http://www.dol.gov/owcp/energy/regs/compliance/AdvisoryBoard.htm>.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 22nd day of June, 2021.

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